25.8.2008 and 10.10.2008 at various levels, including the Home Secretary and the Union Home Minister; and 4 advisories/communications were sent to the Government of Karnataka between 15.9.2008 to 15.10.2008. In these advisories/communications, the State Government of Orissa was asked/directed to take stringent action against the persons indulging in communal violence, including identification and apprehension of the elements inciting and stoking communal violence/hatred; ensure arrangements to provide security to members of the minority community and their places of worship, etc; undertake comprehensive measures for relief and rehabilitation of the victims and other affected persons, including measures for reconstruction/repair of the residential and other structures that were burnt/damaged during the violence; and, take effective steps to create an environment in which people who had to leave their homes could return at the earliest. Similarly, in the case of Karnataka, the State Government was asked/directed to take immediate steps to stop violence targeted against the minority community and their places of worship, to provide protection against such attacks, to apprehend and take stringent action to bring to justice all those indulging in or inciting communal violence or hatred, and to ensure that an atmosphere of security is created in the affected areas. It was also emphasised that the prevailing situation was in breach of the Constitution and the Law, and that immediate steps required to be taken to ensure that measures as directed in various communications, were taken.

Persons injured in September, 2008 blasts in Delhi

511. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed/injured as a result of bomb blasts in the Capital on Saturday the 13th September, 2008;

(b) whether any agency has since owned the responsibility of such blasts;

(c) whether any arrest has been made in this heinous crime which resulted in the killing of several innocent persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) 26 persons were killed and 133 were injured as a result of bomb blasts in the Capital on Saturday, the 13th September, 2008.

(b) Some e-mails were received in the name of a Group calling itself Indian Mujahiddin claiming responsibility for the blasts.

(c) and (d) Five persons have been arrested in respect of this incident so far. Further investigations are continuing. It would be premature to disclose details about the same.

Proposal for including Chhattisgarhi Language in the Eighth Schedule

†512. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to states:

(a) whether 'Chhattisgarh Raj Bhasha Aayog' has sent a proposal to include Chhattisgarhi in the Eighth Schedule;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider it;

(c) whether reply has been sent to the Commission; and

(d) if not, by when it would be sent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No such request has been received by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Missing Leaders of SIMI

513. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that several leaders of the banned SIMI are missing who were arrested in the past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has found out the exact status of the SIMI men arrested in the past and went missing after bailout; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the further steps taken by Government to keep an eye on the functioning of such SIMI activists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) 'Public order and Police' are State subjects under the Constitution and, as such, investigation and prosecution of crimes, including arrest and related matters lie within the jurisdiction of the States. Data in respect of persons who may be arrested, released on bail, absconders, etc. is not being compiled and maintained centrally.

(c) and (d) The State Governments are assisted and advised in this regard as a part of the ongoing process of sharing and exchange of information and intelligence and operational coordination between the Central and State agencies.

Infiltration and Violation of LoC in J&K

514. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in the cases of infiltration in J&K during this summer as also violation of Line of Control (LoC) from across the border;

(b) if so, the number of infiltrators apprehended by the security forces, the number of casualties of civilians, army personnel and para military personnel during this year; and

(c) the steps taken to deal with the increasing infiltration and violation of the LoC by Pak forces?